

**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM**  
**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING & PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-11-10 and § 42-35-1 *et seq.*, the State Planning Council hereby gives notice of its intent to amend its *Rules of Procedure* (ERLID # 7537) and the associated State Planning Council *Public Participation Guide/Plan*.

The purpose of the amendments is to streamline the process by which the State develops its Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") (Rule 5.5). Substantive revisions include: 1) reducing the length of notice required prior to a public hearing to 10 days; 2) eliminating the requirement for municipal governments to hold a public hearing on projects they intend to submit to the TIP; 3) striking the requirement for TIPs to identify the phase of work programmed for each year; 4) removing the requirement for the Division and the Transportation Advisory Committee to hold public workshops for the purpose of accepting TIP applications, and 6) reducing the required public review and comment period to 30 days. Streamlining the TIP process through these amendments will reduce the administrative burdens placed upon municipalities and reduce the time needed to complete annual updates to a 6 month timeframe.

In the development of the amended rules, consideration was given to: 1) alternative approaches; 2) overlap or duplication with other rules, and 3) significant economic impacts on small businesses. Copies of the proposed amendments along with a concise summary of all non-technical amendments being proposed are filed with the Secretary of State's Office.

The proposed revisions in hardcopy are available for review at the Rhode Island Division of Planning, Third Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or online at [www.planning.ri.gov](http://www.planning.ri.gov). All interested parties are invited to submit written comments concerning the proposed amendments to the Rules and/or the Public Participation Guide/Plan by Monday, January 23, 2017, to Parag Agrawal, Secretary of the State Planning Council at

R.I. Department of Administration  
Division of Planning  
William Powers Building  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

In addition, **the State Planning Council will conduct a public comment hearing on the proposed revisions on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor,** at the above address. All persons may present their comments orally or by providing a written statement, which is strongly encouraged.

This meeting place is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should contact Thomas Mannock at 222-6395 (voice) or #711 (R.I. Relay) at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Any individual requiring the services of an interpreter to participate in this meeting should contact Michael Moan at 222-1236 (voice) as soon as possible.



Parag Agrawal, Secretary  
State Planning Council

December 8, 2016  
Date